MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : Sir I move the following Motion :—

> "That in pursuance of Clause (h) of sub-section (2) read with sub-section (4) of Section (5) of the Delhi Development Act, 1957 (61 of 1957), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House to be a member of the Advisory Council of the Delhi Development Authority".

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Re: SERIOUS DROUGHT SITUATION IN SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU (West Bengal) : Sir, we have all seen that the Prime Minister has made a public address to the nation about the serious drought situation in some parts of the country. But till now, we have no intimation to the House that the Government is going to come to the House with a comprehensive statement, letting us know about the seriousness of the situation. Now, since Parliament is in session, in all appropriateness, the Government should have come to the House and informed us about that. This is one issue over which there could a national consensus.

We appreciate that the Prime Minister has made an address to the nation, but there is no information before the House.

Sir, this is very very irregular.

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU (Karnataka): Sir, I am supporting him. Members should get an opportunity. Rajasthan, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh have been seriously affected, and Members should get an opportunity to explain the ground-level situation there. ...*(Interruptions)*...

I request the Government to have a discussion on this.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : Sir,